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Tell Me the Stories of Jesus: Encounters  
John 4 – (Part Two)

*"My food," said Jesus "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."* John 4:34

**How did Jesus bring this woman to understand who He is?**

1. He starts the conversation naturally. (Verses 7-8)
2. He stirs up her curiosity. (Verses 9-12)
3. He addresses her need for satisfaction. (Verses 13-14)
4. He appeals to her conscience. (Verses 16-19)
5. He answers her question. (Verses 20-26)

**What this woman did; we can do:**

**Small Group and Personal Bible Study Guide**

**This Weeks Memory Verse:** John 11:25 & 26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**This Weeks Lesson: John 4:42**

We witness in John 4:39 and specifically in verse 42 that people coming face to face with Jesus causes one to believe and acknowledge Him as the savior of world. This week our study is focusing on getting people to come face to face with Jesus.

Small Group Questions:

1. How can you help bring people face to face with Jesus?
2. What is the biggest challenge you face in bringing people to see Jesus?
3. Share your own experience in coming to Christ. What was the turning point for you to see Jesus face to face and believe in Him?

In his book, *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis makes an argument that leaves us with the conclusion that Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. The only way a person can come to a real truth on this matter is to meet Him face to face.

Among Pantheists, like the Indians, anyone might say that he was a part of God, or one with God: there would be nothing very odd about it. But this man, since He was a Jew, could not mean that kind of God. God, in their language, meant the Being outside the world Who had made it and was infinitely different than anything else. And when you have grasped that, you will see that what this man said was, quite simply, the most shocking thing that has ever been uttered by human lips... I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him, "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. From C.S. Lewis', *Mere Christianity* Macmillan Publishing Co, New York, NY. Copyright 1952.

**This Weeks Reading Schedule:** This week we are going to really look at who Jesus claimed to be. He claimed...

Day 1: ...to live a sinless life, John 8:28-29, John 8:46-47

Day 2: ...to be the ONLY way to God, John 14:6, Matthew 11:27

Day 3: ...to be able to forgive sins, Luke 5:20-21, Luke 7:48-49

Day 4: ...to be a Heavenly king, Luke 22:69, Luke 23:1-3, John 18:36-37

Day 5: ...to give everlasting life, John 6:47, John 10:28-30, John 11:25

Day 6: ...he would die and come back to life, John 10:17, John 12:32-33, John 16:16, Luke 18:31-33

Day 7: ...that he would return again to judge the world, Matthew 24:27-30, Matthew 25:31-32, Mark 14:61-62